

### **REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nicol, et. al., U.S. patent 6,141,762. The Examiner has indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

### **In The Claims**

Claims 1-10 are cancelled without prejudice. New claim 11 incorporates the scope of former claim 6, but has been rewritten in independent form. New claim 12 further narrows the scope by imposing circuit design constraints on the interface between the second and third power domains as well as upon the interface between the first and third power domains.


### **Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments have placed the application into better condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the application as amended.

Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this Amendment and Response; however, if any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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